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AEO CONSULTING



CUSTOM CLEARANCE



**LEGAL & ADVISORY** 



### Introduction

Whitefield Exim Consultations is a professionally managed and result-oriented law firm providing holistic Legal Service/Consultancy to Banking & Non-Banking Financial Companies, Corporate, Importers, Exporters, Manufacturers, Service Providers including Logistics / Shipping Agents / CHA on Pan India basis including Indirect Taxation viz Customs - SVB, GST, IGST SAD rebate and Refunds (all types of Refunds), EPCG License, Post Clearance Audit, AEO, Import, Export, Valuation, DRI, CESTAT, Settlement Commision, High Court. Whitefield Exim is sister company of Sky Sea Logistics.



## Our Strength

Whitefield Exim is team of qualified & experienced professionals having grass root level working experience ranging between 5 to 10 years



### **About Company**



Team of Professionals

10 Years of Professional Experience

Custom clearance, warehousing

Freight forwarding and transportation Related services

Advisory & consultancy services

Providing help to clients for getting Solutions on complex issues

Consultancy on GST& DGFT

Strong network in all over India good relation with custom officials

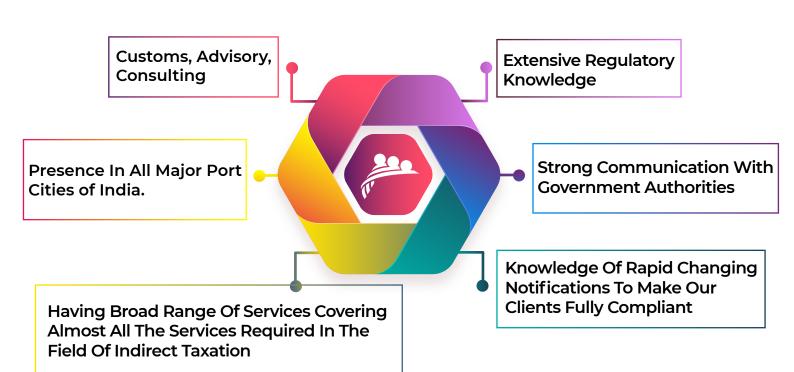


# Our Commitment To Our Clients

- Competent Management Team
- 20 Years of Experience
- Innovative Tax Solutions
- Easier, Fast, Cost Effective Reliable Services

- Empowering Clients To Grow Their Business
- Custom Clearance, Warehousing, Freight, Transportation
- Catering Clients Needs in Cost Effective Way
- Our Mission "to assure cost effective and quality service"

### Why Choose Us





**Banking and Finance Division:** Any matter relating to Company Law, Contracts, Banking Law, SARFAESI Act, Property Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution (Arbitration) and Civil Law, Legal Notices to defaulters and replies thereto including complaints under section 138 of NI.



**Litigation Before:** High Court, City Civil Court at Bombay and Dindoshi, Debt Recovery Tribunal, National Company Law Tribunal, Family Court, State and District Consumer Redressal Forum, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court.



**Legal Drafting / Opinion:** Drafting, vetting, reviewing and amending various kinds of commercial agreements/ contracts like franchise agreement, service agreement, employment agreement and non-disclosure / confidential agreement, agreement for sale and purchase, legal document, leave and license agreement, power of attorney, loan agreement, memorandum of understanding, partnership deeds, deeds, indemnity bonds, affidavit, police complaints, Will, probate and declaration.



"Legal Opinion" on any query / doubts in civil matters.



**AEO CONSULTANCY:** Whitefield Exim also provides Consultancy services for accreditation of AEO (Authorized Economic Operators) certificate issued by Indian Customs to the industry involving the international supply chain that undertakes Customs related activity e.g. Exporters, Importers, Custom House Agents, Custodians or Terminal Operators, Logistics Service Providers (Carriers/Forwarders) & Warehouse Operators related activites.



We are providing our services to our clients with the team of "in House" subject matter experts on several matters. You would appreciate that due to provison of these value added services Whitefield Exim is having an edge over others service providers of India in custom clearance field.



### **Custom Clearance**

- Custom Clearance of all type of **Import and Export** cargo from all ports of India.
- Pre-Import & Export Consultancy about classification, rate of duty and policy about the new products.
- Solutions in complex Customs clearance situations.
- Consultation on 100% EOU, SEZ, FTWZ and STPI schemes, Liaison and handling entire operations.
- AEO & DPD Clearance Facilitation.

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### **GST Refund & Drawback Claims**

- **RD Refunds** (Revenue deposit Refunds).
- Refund of excess duty payments under section 27 of customs Act 1962.
- **Refund on re-export** of imported goods under section 74 of Customs Act 1962.
- Processing of pending **Drawback Claims and GST Refund** in Customs.
- IGST Returns & GST Services





### Legal and Advisory Services

- Filling of Appeals on behalf of importers, exporter and solving Litigations.
- Reply of Post Audit objections raised by the custom authorities.
- Reply to SCN (Show-cause notice) issued by the Customs and GST department.
- Advice and Query reply regarding classification, valuation, rate of duty, anti-dumping duty, safeguard duty, various tax treaties of Government of India with other contruies for the import of the goods in India.

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### On Site & Post Clearance Audit Query & Reply

The focus of Custom department has been shifted from assessment of consignment to Audit of consignment. Now customs department has shifted its focus to Audit after clearance of the goods in Custom house or at the site of importer. We are providing reply for importers for the Objections / Queries raised by the customs department at the time of Post Clearance Audit in Custom Houses or audit at the site / Premises of importers.



### All GST Services

- GST Compliance
- **GST Returns** filing
- GST Registration



### DGFT Services

**EXIM Advisory** - Getting different licenses from DGFT including export reward / incentive license, Duty exemption remission Scheme i.e. authorization of EPCG, DFIA, Advance Licence and their Redemption EOP - Extension MEIS - SEIS, SEZ, Export house certificate, restricted item Licence, RCMC registration, Issuance of IEC and modification, Digital Signature Key issuance, etc.



8 SVB

**Special Valuation Branch Cases** - Registration, Submission of documents and preparation of reply and appearing before the SVB Cell to get the investigating report issued. We are expert in providing SVB services to multinational companies on the issue of transger pricing before the customs authorities.

Freight Forwarding & Transportation

We are Exclusive associate & registered with MTO, FFFAI, MFN Network and hence developed a reliable worldwide services network which enables us to provide door to door service solutions such as Ex-work, DDU & DDP solutions to our customers as a member of MFN which is a reputed organization of world wide freight forwarders association.

Ocean Import / Export Freight Management

Air Import / Export Freight Management

Break Bulk / ODC / Project / Haz Cargo Forwarding Documentation

Our tie-up with experienced agents all over the world makes sure that we can give you full logistics solutions for your international cargo to and from India. Also this strong international network enables us to handle Third Country shipments as well.

# Warehouseing Activities:

We work with large Indian Corporate, having warehouses around the country Equipped with modern handling equipment's and having trained personnel.

- 1. General Warehousing
- 2. Custom / Public Bonded warehousing
- 3. Value Added Services: Whether it is Re-packing, Bar code processing or labeling, Whitefield Exim will organise a customized solutions for handling of your product. The range of VAS activities includes palletisation, de-cartonisation, strapping, shrink/stretch wrapping, labelling and packaging.

Advisory & Solution in the matter of Country of Origin benefit under CAROTAR Rules 2020

### Scheme

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"Authorized Economic Operator" (AEO) which means a company validated and authorized by the respective Customs in accordance to their business with an internationally recognized security standard. This programme promotes an AEO certified company as 'Secure' and 'Reliable' trade partner.

In light of the international developments, as well as in view of the focus of the Goverment of India on "Ease of doing Business", CBEC has developed comprehensive unified trade facilitation revised AEO Programme to provide business with an internationally recognized quality mark which will indicate their secure role in the international supply chain and that their Customs procedures are efficient. An entity with an AEO status can, therefore, be considered a 'Secure' and 'Reliable' trading partner. This scheme is available to only those units who are related with Customs Clearance Work and having clean track record. The unit (Importer/Exporter/Customs Broker/Others) is given facilitation in terms of resolving their problems on FAST TRACK i.e. within prescribe time period and without taking the bank Guarantee etc.

**Three-tier AEO Scheme:** For the importers and the exporters, there are three tiers of certification (i.e. AEO-T1, AEO-T2 and AEO-T3). For the economic operators other than importers and the exporters, the new programme offers only one tier of certification AEO-LO. All existing ACP clients have opportunity to apply within 90 days for grant of AEO certificate and shall continue to avail the benefits of AEO-T1 till decision is taken on their application. They can directly apply for AEO-T2 status. There is no visit for physical verification by the AEO team for AEO-Tire-1 applicants.







- Status Use of AEO Logo Recognition by Govt. Agencies
- ID Cards to Authorised Personnel for hassel free entry to Custom Houses, Ports, CFSs and ICDs.
- Direct Port Deliveries of imports (DPD) Huge cut in time of delivery
- Direct Port Entry of factory stuffed containers for exports (DPE)
- Shorter cargo release time
- Separate space earmarked in Custodian's premises
- 50% of normal Bank Guarantee, if required
- Wherever feasible, they will get separate space earmarked in Custodian's premises
- Investigations, if any, in respect of Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax cases would be completed, as far as possible, in six to nine months
- Faster Adjudications of pending cases
- Not subjected to regular transactional PCA, instead of that onsite PCA will be conducted once in two years only
- E-mail communication regarding arrival/departure of the vessels carrying their consignments
- 24/7 clearances and without Merchant Overtime Fee
- All the Benefits offered in AEO-T1 and
- Faster Customs clearance and simplified Customs procedure
- Container seal verification/scrutiny of documents would be waived
- Facility of deferred payment of duty will be provided, from a date to be notified
- Faster refunds/rebate/drawback (within 72 hrs EGM Submission), SVB, Bill of Entry/SB Assessment
- Facility of self-sealing of export goods
- 25% of normal Bank Guarantee, if required
- Facility to paste MRP stickers in assessee's premises
- No regular Audit but only onsite PCA once in three years only
- On-site inspection/examination per request
- Access to import/export data through ICEGATE
- Facility of submitting paperless declaration with no supporting documents in physical form
- "Client Relationship Manager" (CRM) at the level of Deputy / Assistant Commissioner as a single point of interaction with them, who will render all assistance to the assessee's in getting issues resolved
- Faster completion of Special Valuation Branch ('SVB') proceedings in case of related party imports and monitoring of such cases for time bound disposal in terms of new guidelines
- Trade facilitation by a foreign Customs Administration with whom India enters into a Mutual Recognition Agreement
- The refund/Rebate of Customs/Central Excise duty and Service Tax would be granted within 45 days of the submission of complete documents
- They will get trade facilitation by a foreign Customs administration with whom India enters into a Mutual Recognition Agreement/Arrangement

## Advantages / Benefits:



# AEO T-3

### · All the Benefits offered in AEO-T2 and

- Highest level of facilitation
- Normally no Scanning of containers
- · Self certified documents suffice, no insist upon original documents
- No Bank Guarantee in normal case
- On request, will be provided on-site inspection/examination
- Faster refunds/rebate within 30 days

### (i) Customs Brokers:

- Waiver of Bank Guarantee to be furnished under regulation 8 of the CBLR, 2013.
- Extended validity (till validity of AEO status) of licenses granted under regulation 9 of the CBLR, 2013.
- Waiver from fee for renewal of license under sub clause (2) of regulation 11 of CBLR, 2013.
- Facility of Execution of running bond
- Exemption from permission on case to case basis in case of transit of goods.
- In case of international transshipped cargo (Foreign to Foreign), for the pre-sorted containers wherein Cargo does not require segregation, ramp to ramp transfer of cargo can be effected without Customs escorts.

#### (ii) Logistic Service Providers:

- Waiver of bank Guarantee in case of transshipment of goods under Goods imported (Condition of Transshipment) Regulations, 1995
- Facility of Execution of running bond.
- Exemption from permission on case to case basis in case of transit of goods

#### (iii) Custodians or Terminal Operators:

- Waiver of bank Guarantee under Handling of cargo in Customs Area Regulations 2009
- Extension of approval for custodians under regulation 10(2) of the 'Handling of cargo in Customs Area Regulation 2009' for period of 10 years

### (iv) Warehouse Operators:

- Faster approval for new warehouses within 7 days of submission of complete documents
- Waiver of antecedent verification envisaged for grant of license for warehouse under circular 26/2016
- Waiver of solvency certificate requirement under circular 24/2016
- Waiver of security for obtaining extension in warehousing period under circular 21/2016
- Waiver of security required for warehousing of sensitive goods under circular 21/2016

# AEO - LO



### Disadvantage

There is no disadvantage for AEO unit except that the unit has to face the 'On Site Post Clearance Audit' once in two year for AEO-T1 and once in three year for AEO-T2. Even if any irregularity is noticed, there shall be no penalty.

### Who Can Apply

Any person who is related with Customs and fulfilling the criteria stated below can apply for AEO registration. Following type of unit can apply for registration i.e.:-Importer (Actual User/Manufacture/Trader), Exporter, EOU, Logistics viz Customs Broker/CHA, ICD/CFS, Freight Forwarder, Warehouse, Transporter, Steamer Agent/Shipping Company, Logistic and Multi Model Company and Supply Chain Units.

### Eligibility

- (i) Minimum 25 documents (Bill of Entry + Shipping Bills) should have been filed in the preceding financial year.
- (ii) No case involving serious offence relating to Customs, Excise or Service Tax should be pending. This criteria can be relaxed for new units and for those involve in minor cases.

### Legal Compliance

Criteria for making application:-

- The Applicant must be established in India
- No SCN issued during last 3 financial years
- No case of prosecution launched or contemplated
- If the duty/drawback demanded in SCN to Total Duty paid/ DBK claimed is more than 10%, status shall be reviewed.
- · System to identify and disclose any irregularities or error to customs
- Maintaining Standard Accounting Practices





### Application Form

The Application for AEO is required to be made to D.G. Performance Management, I.P. Estate, New Delhi 110002 containing 10 Annexures given below:-

Sl. No.	Subject	Application for grant of			
		AEO-T1	AEO-T2	AEO-T3	AEO-LO
1	Application Form	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	Security Plan	NO	YES	YES	YES
3	Process Map	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	Site Plan	YES	YES	YES	YES
	Self-Assessment Form				
5	General Compliance	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	Legal Compliance	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	Managing commercial and (where	YES	YES	YES	YES
	appropriate) transport records				
8	Financial Solvency	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	Safety and Security	NO	YES	YES	YES
10	<b>Business Partner Details</b>	NO	NO	YES	NO

### Validity of AEO Certificate:

The validity of AEO certificate shall be three years for AEO-T1 and AEO-T2, and five years for AEO-T3 and AEO-LO.



### Basic Document Required:

The List of the documents required to prepare the application for AEO and which are required to be annexed with application are:-

- · Copy of the company incorporation/partnership/etc
- · Copy of IE Code
- · List of Office/site/warehouses
- Copy of PAN card
- Copy of Service Tax, C. Excise Registration, if any
- Summary of documents filed during last 3 years (port/ airport wise)
- · Balance Sheet for last 3 years
- Solvency Certificate by Auditor
- Site Plan/Google Map/Location
- Business Profile
- Self-Declaration
- SOPs (Standard Operating Procedure)
- KYC Documents
- Contract Copy with Business partners
- Details of partners and address of Chartered Account
- Flow Chart
- List of Branch Offices etc
- List of clients

### Time Schedule:

Normal time period is 90 days. First the deficiency memo is issued after the scrutiny of the AEO application within 30 days. Thereafter the AEO status is granted within 60 days after removal of deficiencies. There is no visit or physical verification by the AEO team for AEO-Tire-I applicants.

### 'Scope of Work' of Whitefield Exim (Advocates & Consultants):

Preparation of Application & 10 Annexures for AEO Certification is highly technical in nature. In addition to the advisory consultancy on the subject, Whitefield Exim will also do all type of documentation as given below:

- (i) **Visit to Applicant Office**: A qualified officer from Whitefield Exim team will visit to your office, if required for preparation of various documents from time to time. It requires 7 to 10 days to prepare the application.
- (ii) **Documentation**: Proper documentation to avoid rejection/query from AEO Registration Office.
- (iii) **Compliance**:- Whitefield Exim will draft & submit further submission/clarification to any query/objection raised by AEO Registration Officer.
- (iv) **Follow up**:- Whitefield Exim will follow up the matter with concerned departments till AEO Certification is granted.
- (v) **Audit/Inspection**: Whitefield Exim can also provide consultancy at the time of 'On Site Audit/Inspection" by AEO Team, if required.

### Our Clients





















































































Mr. R K Singh (IRS), retired Assistant Commissioner of Customs has served in Ministry of Finance and Department of Revenue as Class – I officer for 12 years and then worked with various corporate as Head of their taxation department for 8 years. He has successfully presented the case of top MNCs to the Customs department and got orders in their favor. He has work experience of 27 years of indirect taxation and worked with Government of India and big Indian corporate. He supports the clients on advisory and legal issues.

### MR. A. DWIVEDI - Advisory

Mr. A. Dwivedi is an eminent consultant, having 15 years of diverse experience as with Customs, Excise, Service Tax, Mumbai.



### MR. VIKAS YADAV - CEO

Mr. Vikas Yadav is a well experienced lawyer in field of banking & Finance, matters pretaining to SARFAESI before various courts viz - DRT, CMM, City Civil and High Court including with Customs, Excise and Services Tax, CESTAT.



#### MR. RATNAKAR RAI - President

Mr. Ratnakar Rai has promoted Sky Sea Logistic and he himself passed the Rule 8 examination under the provisions of Customs Licensing Regulations and got the license in his own name. He has vast knowledge of customs operations and having work experience of 25 years of this Industry. He has headed the logistics division of well known custom brokers for several years.



#### MS. SUDARSHAN LAMBA - Marketing Head

Ms. Sudarshan Lamba is also a prominent lawyer having working experience of Customs, Excise, Service Tax and CESTAT.



### MR. RAVINDER YADAV - Managing Head

Mr. Ravinder yadav, is a lawyer having vast working experience with Customs, Excise and Services Tax, CESTAT.

### MR. PHOOL KUMAR - Accounting Head

Mr. Phool Kumar is a well experienced accountant having 8 years of experience.



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#### **Our Branch Offices:**

Our Custom Licence is registered at following Ports and we have our own offices there:

- Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House, Nhava Sheva
- New Custom House, Mumbai
- Air Cargo Complex Sahar, Mumbai
- Hazira Port
- ICD Tumbh
- New Delhi Kolkata
- Mundra Port









- Chennai
  - Delhi

  - Kolkata
  - Ahmedabad

**Our Associates Are At:** 

#### **Our Certification:**